GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1773
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2001
CHECK ON CORRUPTION
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Vigilance Commissioner has suggested several measures to check corruption recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the measures taken by the Government to check corruption at various places have proved to be ineffective; and

(d) if so, the other strategy to be adopted by the Government to check corruption in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c)&(d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1773 ANSWER ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2001

(a)&(b): In order to bring down the level of corruption in the country, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has suggested several measures which, inter-alia, include enactment/amendments of certain laws like formulation of rules under the Benami Transaction Prohibition Act, enactment of Freedom of Information Act, amending the Income-Tax as well as Customs & Excise Act on the principle of zero exemption and zero discretion respectively apart from strengthening of vigilance and anti corruption machinery.

(c)&(d): The Government is committed to provide clean administration and to eradicate corruption at all levels. The Endeavor of the Government to check malpractices in administration is a continuing process. The policies formulated in this regard are modified from time to time in order to make them more effective and responsive to the changing environment. In the Ministries/Departments of the Central Government, the Secretary and the Head of the Department concerned is responsible for ensuring probity and integrity in their respective organizations. The Central Vigilance Commission Bill and the Lokpal Bill have already been introduced in the Parliament by the Government. Further Citizens` Charters have been drawn up for 61 Departments/Organisations besides opening 45 Information & Facilitation Counters.